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Art Unit <u>3714</u>			
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PATENT  
Case No. N0189US**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Kurt Brooks Uhler, et al. )  
Serial No. 10/825,574 ) Group: 3714  
Title: METHOD FOR COMPARING ) Examiner:  
PERFORMANCES ON REMOTELY ) Kang Hu  
LOCATED COURSES )  
Filed: April 15, 2004 )

**REASONS FOR PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants request review of the Final Office Action mailed May 14, 2008 ("the Final Office Action") and the Advisory Action mailed September 23, 2008 ("the Advisory Action") because the Examiner made material errors of fact and law in rejecting the Applicants' claims. As explained below, the Examiner's rejection of the claims is premised on factual and legal errors, and, therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn.

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Pre-Appeal Brief dated October 14, 2008**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 2-8, 11-14, 17-19, 23, and 36-38 are currently pending. Claims 36-38 are independent claims. Claims 2-8, 11-14, 17-19, 23, and 36-38 stand rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,463,385 ("Fry") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,080,063 ("Khosla").

**II. CLAIMED INVENTION**

Applicants pending claims relate to facilitating performances in events, such as facilitating a first performance by a participant in an event that includes movement along a first course located in a first geographic area. For example, independent claim 36 recites, *inter alia*, "comparing the first performance to a second performance, wherein the second performance is along the second course" in which the second course is "located in a second geographic area different from the first geographic area" of the first course. Independent claims 37 and 38 recite similar features.

**III. CLEAR FACTUAL DEFICIENCY OF THE REJECTION**

In the Final Office Action (page3), Examiner Hu asserted, without specific citation, that Fry teaches comparing a first performance (along a first course) to a second performance, wherein the second performance is along a second course that is in a different geographic area than the first course.

In Applicants' response, submitted August 14, 2008, Applicants pointed out that the combination of the cited references did not disclose all the claimed features. Specifically, Applicants asserted that Fry discloses a sports-related measurement system having an integral global satellite positioning ("GPS") receiver and computer interfacing capability. (Fry, column 2, lines 45-48). Fry discloses monitoring performance characteristics between individuals on one particular course in which the individuals can rate their own performances relative to others (Fry, column 7, lines 35-39 and 54-59), not comparing performances occurring on two separate courses in different geographic areas.

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In the Advisory Action, Examiner Hu asserted that Fry teaches comparing performances at two different courses by pointing to column 1, lines 55-60 and column 2, lines 5-10 of Fry.

Within the Background section of Fry, column 1, lines 55-60 mention the U.S. patent 5,335,188 ("Brisson") that discloses a device for monitoring and comparing present, past, and ideal performance on an exercise machine such as a bicycle. The system stores a set of performance data in memory, which can then be compared against a stored, user selected performance data.

However, there is no suggestion or teaching of comparing performance data on a first course to performance data on a second course that is located in a different geographic area than the first course. Actually, Brisson teaches comparing performance data regarding performances on the same course or training course. (Brisson, column 2, lines 40-64 and column 5, lines 6-30). For example, if the cycle computer in Brisson is showing an elapsed time for a current ride, it also shows the amount of time that was required to reach the *same point along the course* (Brisson, column 5, lines 26-30), and the performance of one athlete may be recorded as a standard to be used by other athletes who wish to emulate the performance of the first athlete *along the same training course*. (Brisson, column 2, lines 61-64).

Still within the Background section of Fry, Column 2, lines 5-10 further describes the Brisson patent by stating that if a user rides on many different routes, the cycle computer may not have enough memory to save all ride data, in which case the connector (65) may be used to transfer a larger number of pace files to an external computer such as a PC.

Again, there is no suggestion or teaching of comparing performance data on a first course to performance data on a second course that is located in a different geographic area than the first course. Even though multiple performance data on different routes are stored, there is no teaching or suggestion of comparing performance data along different geographically located courses with each other. According to the cited references, performance data along a course will be compared to other performance data along the same course.

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